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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the notice mailed September 18, 2001, please reexamine the aboveidentified application in view of the following amendment and remarks. A petition for extension of time accompanies this amendment and is hereby requested.

CLAIMS SHOWING AMENDMENTS MADE HEREIN

73. (amended) In a data communication network comprising at least a first endpoint coupled to at least a second endpoint, an apparatus for establishing communication between the first endpoint and the second endpoint comprising:

a first endpoint transmitter transmitting a first endpoint protocol signal to the second endpoint, the first endpoint protocol signal indicating a communication protocol, including a format for a data transmission, with which the first endpoint is capable of communicating; a second endpoint receiver receiving the first endpoint protocol signal;

a second endpoint transmitter transmitting a second endpoint protocol signal to the first endpoint, the second endpoint protocol signal indicating a communication protocol, including a format for a data transmission, with which the second endpoint is capable of communicating;

wherein the communication protocol indicated by the second endpoint protocol signal is different from the communication protocol indicated by the first endpoint protocol signal; a first endpoint receiver receiving the second endpoint protocol signal;